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Appointment of Deputy Tahsildars as Assistant Commercial Tax Officers.

* 272 [a] *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to fill up the vacancies of posts in the Commercial Taxes Department by promotion or transfer from the Revenue Department?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes. Orders have been passed reviving the recruitment of Deputy Tahsildars in the Revenue Department to the posts of Assistant Commercial Tax Officers in the Commercial Taxes Department."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" In all the districts where the Judiciary has been separated from the Executive, most of the Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars stand reverted for want of vacancies. Why should not the Government fill up the vacancies in the posts of Assistant Commercial Tax Officers and Deputy Commercial Tax Officers by the appointment of persons from among those who stand reverted to-day for want of vacancies, instead of reserving only 50 per cent of the vacancies to candidates from the Revenue Department? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" We are not now making a difference between the districts where separation of the Judiciary from the Executive has taken place and the other districts. Forty per cent of the vacancies in the Commercial Taxes Department is reserved for direct recruitment and the remaining 60 per cent is reserved for clerks in the departments—both in the Board of Revenue and in the Revenue Secretariat."

SRI G. VAGHEESAM PILLAY :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that a large number—about 40—of Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars in South Arcot district have been reverted due to the implementation of the scheme for Separation of the Judiciary from the Executive and, if so, may I know whether they will be provided with jobs in their respective grades and in the same scales of pay in the Commercial Taxes Department or in any other department? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes, Sir. They will have their due chance."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Why were half a dozen persons of the Revenue Department of the former Pudukkottai State, who had put in half a dozen years' service in the Commercial Taxes Department and who had acquired the necessary qualifications for absorption in the Commercial Taxes Department, refused absorption in that department and were reverted to the Revenue Department? "

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I cannot straightway say anything. But if they have not been absorbed, there must have been others who are senior to them.".

SRI K. PARTHASARATHI :—" The order reserving 40 per cent of the vacancies for Revenue Department is all right. But so long as the reverted persons are there, will the Government consider the desirability of recruiting only these persons to fill up all the vacancies that may arise in the Commercial Taxes Department? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" As it is, a very large scope is given to both the clerks and the Deputy Tahsildars of the Revenue Department for absorption in the Commercial Taxes Department."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Are the posts reserved for the employees of the Revenue Department filled by promotion or through a competitive examination amongst themselves? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" There is no question of competitive examination in the case of those who are already in Government service."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" Sir, சர்வீசில் இருப்பவர்களுக்கு பதவி உயர்வு கொடுப்பதற்கு ஒரு பகுதியை ஒதுக்கி வைப்பது சரியே. அதோடுகூட, வெளியிலிருந்து படித்து வரக்கூடிய வாலிபர்களுக்கு ஒரு சந்தர்ப்பம் அளிப்பதற்காக, சார்ட்டர்டு அகௌண்டெண்ட் பரீக்ஷை பாஸ் செய்தவர்களை நேரடியாக உத்தியோகத்தில் எடுத்துக்கொள்ளுவதற்கு ஒரு பகுதி ஒதுக்கப்படுமா என்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்களிடத்திலிருந்து அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" This is a new thing that the hon. Member is suggesting. That will also be considered."

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—" Are the Government aware that in some districts there are officers who are already probationers in the cadre of Deputy Tahsildars but are not given appointments for want of vacancies? Will the Government consider the desirability of transferring these officers to places where there are vacancies and where there are no competent persons to fill up the posts? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I shall examine carefully what the hon. Member put in a very complicated manner."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" I request the Hon. Minister not to evade this question. He should answer it properly. The question is this. In the Revenue Department, there is reversion of persons promoted to the cadre of Deputy Tahsildars and Tahsildars for want of vacancies. But in the Commercial Taxes Department there is scope for promotion from the lower cadre like clerks to the cadre of

Assistant Commercial Tax Officers and Deputy Commercial Tax Officers. Why should there be reversion in one department for want of vacancies but scope for promotion in the other department? Why should one set of people suffer and another set of people enjoy? Will the Government, therefore, come forward with a categorical statement that they will not revert people in the Revenue Department and that they will take those men who are to be reverted in that department to the Commercial Taxes Department and appoint them there in the same cadre? ''

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—'' That is why we rescinded the whole order and revived the old order of recruiting people in the cadre of Deputy Tahsildars to the posts of Assistant Commercial Tax Officers.''

10.10 a.m. SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—'' Why should these reversions take place particularly in South Arcot district just as there have been these general reversions in that district in the case of Sub-Inspectors of Police who have put in 5 to 6 years service? We are very much agitated over it, Sir.''

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—'' If that is a fact, I very much sympathise with the hon. Member. We shall try to push up South Arcot as far as possible.''

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—'' The Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue while answering my previous supplementary said that I put a complicated question. It is not a complicated question, Sir. In South Arcot there are very many officers who may not have got the post for want of a vacancy. But in some districts, I understand there are vacancies, but there are not competent men in the cadre of Deputy Tahsildars and so the clerks are given promotion as Deputy Tahsildars . . .''

MR. SPEAKER :—'' The hon. Member is arguing his own question.''

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—'' May I know whether the Government will take up the case of the other districts also so that they may also have a chance? ''

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—'' Matters will now improve, because the order was revised only about the end of last year.''

SRI R. S. ARUMUGAM :—'' இந்த விஷயங்களில் ஹரிஜனங்களுக்கு அதிகப்படியான முக்கியத்துவம் கொடுக்க முடியுமா என்பதை கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் தெரிவிப்பார்களா ? ''

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—'' Yes, Sir. As far as possible, the claims of Harijans are also sympathetically considered.''